

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 519

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Marlene Elizabeth Woodings, 2009 Valedictorian of William Blount High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Elizabeth Woodings is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Marlene has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Woodings has earned an exemplary 4.29 grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through her involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers. Ms. Woodings has been a member of the volleyball team, the Student Council, the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Interact Club; she has also given of her time and many talents as a Peer Teacher in Biology I, Honors Algebra I, and English II; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards, Marlene was named to the William Blount Honor Roll, the National Honor Roll, and was one of the William Blount Leaders and Achievers; she also attended Tennessee Governor's School for Computational Physics; and

WHEREAS, equally active in her community, Marlene Woodings has served as a volunteer with many deserving organizations, including Toys for Tots and Angel Tree; and

WHEREAS, she is a faithful and active member of Our Lady of Fatima Church, which she serves regularly as a volunteer in the bereavement ministry and in the Vacation Bible School; she also volunteers as an Alter Server; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woodings's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ralph and Stephanie Woodings, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Marlene's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 William Blount High School High School Valedictorian, Marlene Elizabeth Woodings, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.